

The Conjunctive Adverb

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Come, ride the range of the conjunctive adverb
Which, like coordinating conjunctions
They join 2 independent clauses and modify
The clause immediately following..

**Accordingly, Also, Besides, and Consequently
Finally, and Furthermore too...**

However, Incidentally, Instead, and Likewise
These are all conjunctive adverbs just for you...

**Meanwhile, and Moreover, and Nevertheless
Now, Otherwise, and Similarly**

Still, Then, Therefore

and Thus we've learned conjunctive adverbs
We know that we can use them correctly...

Conjunctive adverbs have a semicolon before...
Sometimes a period before too...
But a comma comes right after the conjunctive adverb;
So listen now....as I show you how they're used.....

The flood left mud in our nice. clean hotel.(PERIOD)
Nevertheless. (COMMA) the band played.

After that great speech we left: (SEMICOLON)
Meanwhile. (COMMA) everyone else stayed.

Now.... we must clean this dirty mess up quickly...(PERIOD)
Otherwise. (COMMA) it will mold.

We have lost our backpacks: (SEMICOLON)
Consequently, (COMMA) we must now go home...

So as you mosey down the trail of language and life
Remember these conjunctive adverbs rules
A period or semicolon just before...
A comma afterwards and you'll be cool.

So ride the range with conjunctive adverb cowboys and cowgirls...
Ride the range with semicolons, periods and commas too...
There's nothing more fun than conjunctive adverbs.....to work with..
So giddy-up. and let's all show what we can do....